

Centennial Secondary School Council
Monday April 16,2012 6:35pm
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Paula MacKinnon,(Principal), Larry Lemelin(Community Rep/Secretary),Cathy Alakas, Pam Swick Janjac, Paula Martin, Ann Lalonde, Elizabeth Maltais, Alison Peloquin

Meeting Start : 6:35pm

Welcome: Paula MacKinnon

Approval of Minutes: Cathy Alakas...seconded by Alison Peloquin

Student Council Report:

Paula mentioned that the Student Council Election will take place on April 26th. An Easter Egg hunt took place on April 12th and Cougar Fest/Awards event will be held on May 30th.

The results from the “ Student Senate Survey” will be shared at the next Parent Council meeting May 28th. I mentioned that I attended in support... the DSBN Board meeting where Centennial Student Council members Nyle Collins and Sophie Helpard presented the concept and workings of the Student Senate Survey.

Administration Report:

Paula stated that mid semester report cards would be given to students on April 26th. Centennial's Musical “ The Music Man” performances will be starting with Dinner/Theatre performance on April 26th, with performances only April 27, 28, May 3, 4 , with matinée performances for Feeder School groups.

Spring Concert will be May 15 before the long weekend.

Paula asked everyone for input with regards to where to hold the June Parent Council Social?
Paula asked for ideas as to a guest speaker for the May 28th Parent Council Meeting?

Centennial teachers teaching at the applied level had a meeting to enable them to study Grade 9 and 10 students progress reports. The desire was to ensure that all students were on track to pass courses and possibly be exempt from their final exam. This would offer teachers a clearer picture as to students whom might be close or possibly struggling. All students received a letter encouraging them to do well and it is hoped that strategies can be developed through the careful observations made by teachers during this process of review.

P.A. Day in May will offer teachers time to further review students progress from the pilot project taking place at Centennial. Various departments at Centennial will access exam and other class related processes. Tip Sheets will offer a trail of information which will follow each student, so that future teaching staff can share information.

Professional Development: Once the meeting was adjourned everyone went to the auditorium to hear Eva Olson Holocaust Survivor speak of her experiences and for the need to remove the use of the word “Hate” from peoples method of describing situations or people they find challenge with.

Round table:

Larry Lemelin shared the information about how Welland business Cre 8 it Signs has offered the opportunity for Centennial students and staff to receive materials from their sign shop. They have also offered to allow staff and students the opportunity to go to their shop to work on projects and also they would like to have students work at their sign shop as a Co-op placement.

Cathy Alakas asked about music fund raisers that are being announced at various high schools around Niagara and she asked about scholarships. Adjournment at 6:55pm, which allowed everyone ample time to get to the auditorium for the Holocaust Survivor presentation.

Next meeting May 28, 2012 7pm.